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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

BROWN, et al.

Examiner: JOHANNSEN, Diana

Application No.: 09/986,989

Art Unit: 1634

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For: ACE GENOTYPE WHICH CORRELATES WITH IMPROVED SUCCESS IN  
SODIUM EXCRETION IN HYPERTENSIVES WITH EXERCISE

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 27, 2003

Sir:

Further to the Office Action dated the February 25, 2003, May 25, 2003 being a  
Sunday and May 26, 2003 being a Federal Holiday, the following Remarks and  
Amendments are submitted as a full and complete Response thereto.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend Claim 1 in the following fashion:

1. (Amended) A method of increasing sodium excretion levels in a hypertensive  
human subject, the method comprising:

identifying a hypertensive human subject having a II genotype for human  
angiotensin converting enzyme gene (ACE), wherein the human subject is in need of  
increased sodium excretion levels;